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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS, EAIR, LA

SUBJECT: HOSTILE FIRE ON MISSION AIRCRAFT

REF: VIENTIANE 0391

1. DAO CONTACTED FAR MILITARY REGION V TO REQUEST THE FAR TO SEND IN A RECOVERY TEAM ON JANUARY 19. FAR AGREED TO THIS BUT WHEN THE OPERATION WAS TO COMMENCE, FAR BACKED OFF SAYING THAT AREA IN WHICH THE HELICOPTER HAD GONE DOWN, WHILE NOMINALLY IN THE VIENTIANE SIDE ZONE, WAS IN FACT AN AREA IN WHICH THE PL HAD LONG CONTROLLED. THE FAR SAID THAT ADDITIONAL PLANNING AND COORDINATION WOULD HAVE TO BE EFFECTED BEFORE THE OPERATION COULD TAKE PLACE.

2. ON JANUARY 20 MISSION DISCUSSED RECOVERY OF HELICOPTER WITH RLAF COMMANDING GENERAL BOUATHONG AND LATER LEARNED THAT ACTING COMMANDING GENERAL OF MR V, GENERAL AT, WAS BRINGING THIS MATTER UP BEFORE THE JCCIA.

3. WE DISCOVERED LATE AFTERNOON JANUARY 20 THAT MR V HAD INSERTED A TWO-MAN RECONNAISSANCE TEAM INTO THIS AREA  
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ON THE 19TH. THIS TEAM REPORTED THAT THE PL HAD SEALED

OFF THE ISLAND, BROUGHT IN LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS,  
AND WERE DISMANTLING THE HELICOPTER AND CARRYING OFF  
THE PIECES. WE HAVE NO CONFIRMATION OF THIS AS YET.

4. AMBASSADOR WILL SEE MINISTER OF DEFENSE TOMORROW  
ON THIS MATTER AND IS CONSIDERING SENDING OFFICIAL NOTE  
TO FOREIGN MINISTRY IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT HELI-  
COPTER OPERATIONS ARE OVERT, APPROVED AND IN SUPPORT OF  
US ASSISTED PGNU PROGRAMS.  
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